GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1609
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DAMAGE DUE TO EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT AND RAJASTHAN
A. VENKATESH NAIK;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of SSI units have been closed down in the quake hit areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(b) whether such SSI units have accumulated huge losses apart from rendering many jobless;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government to revive such units;

(d) whether any action plan has been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (e): The Government of Gujarat has informed that 3,221 SSI units suffered damages in the quake hit areas of Gujarat. The total damage to these SSI units is estimated to be Rs. 39,067.39 lakhs. Government of Rajasthan has informed that no SSI unit has closed down due to the recent earthquake in Rajasthan.

(c) to (e): A special relief package of measures for persons/business affected by the earthquake in Gujarat has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India on 12th February, 2001. This includes freezing of recoveries and extension of new loans on liberal terms for SSIs in the affected areas.